



A RESOLUTION

TO DECLARE THAT THE CITY OF CHARLESTON INTENDS TO ADOPT A BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN WITH THE GOAL OF BEING AWARDED SUCH STATUS BY THE LEAGUE OF AMERICAN BICYCLISTS.

WHEREAS, the City of Charleston aims to provide safe and convenient bicycle access to all parts of the community through a signed network of on and off-street facilities, low-speed streets, and secure parking. Local cyclists should be involved in identifying maintenance needs and ongoing improvements; and

WHEREAS, the City of Charleston intends to adopt a target level of bicycle use (e.g. percent of trips) and safety to be achieved within a specific timeframe, and improve data collection necessary to monitor progress; and

WHEREAS, the City of Charleston intends to establish information programs to promote bicycling for all purposes, and to communicate the many benefits of bicycling to residents and businesses (e.g. with bicycle maps, public relations campaigns, neighborhood rides, a ride with the Mayor); and

WHEREAS, the City of Charleston intends to make the City a model employer by encouraging bicycle use among its employees (e.g. by providing parking, showers and lockers, and establishing a city bicycle fleet); and

WHEREAS, the City of Charleston intends to ensure all city policies, plans, codes, and programs are updated and implemented to take advantage of every opportunity to create a more bicycle-friendly community. Staff in all departments should be offered training to better enable them to complete this task; and

WHEREAS, the City of Charleston intends to educate all road users to share the road and interact safely (road design and education programs, such as safety brochures for cyclists and motorists, should combine to increase the confidence of bicyclists); and

WHEREAS, the City of Charleston intends to enforce traffic laws to improve the safety and comfort of all road users, with a particular focus on behaviors and attitudes that cause motor vehicle/bicycle crashes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Charleston intends to develop special programs to encourage bicycle use in communities where significant segments of the population do not drive (e.g. through Safe Routes to Schools programs) and where short trips are most common; and

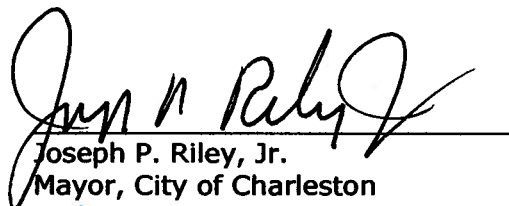
WHEREAS, the City of Charleston intends to promote intermodal travel between public transport and bicycles, e.g. by putting bike racks on buses, improving parking at transit, and improving access to rail and public transport vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the City of Charleston intends to establish a citywide, multi-disciplinary committee for nonmotorized mobility to submit to the Mayor/Council a regular evaluation and action plan for completing the items in this Charter.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS

RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF CHARLESTON adopt the language stated heretofore in this document as an action plan with the goal of achieving the status of Bicycle Friendly Community designated by the League of American Bicyclists.

RESOLVED this 12th day of May, 2009, in City Council Chambers.


Joseph P. Riley, Jr.
Mayor, City of Charleston

ATTEST:


Vanessa Turner-Maybank
Clerk of Council